Functioning of public sector units under the Ministry of Steel and Mines

1332. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector units functioning under his Ministry;

(b) whether all those units have shown good performance during the financial year 1988-89;

(c) whether Government propose to expand some of those units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHANLAL FOTEDAR): (a) 23 (including subsidiary companies).

(b) Yes, Sir, with the exception of a few.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) *EXPANSION PLANS FOR PSUS UNDER MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES*

I. *Department of Steel.*

1. *Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)*

(a) Large modernisation plants for Durgapur, Rourkela and Burnpur (IISCO) steel plants already launched. This modernisation programme involves some capacity increase also.

(b) Expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant capacity by 0.5 MT/year.

2. *Sponge Iron India Ltd. (SIIL)*

(a) Project for manufacture of 45,000 tonnes of high grade pig iron sanctioned, along with a project for generating captive power by heat recovery from waste gases.

3. *National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)*

(a) Deeper level mining project at Bailadila 14.

(b) Project of Modification of Bailadila 14 (including mining of blue dust).

II. *Department of Mines.*

1. *Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO)*

(a) Expansion of smelter at Korba from 1.0 to 1.5 lakh tonnes is being processed.

(b) Modernisation and expansion of extrusion unit at Bidhanbag (W.B.) from 1,000 to 6,000 tpa under implementation.

2. *Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)*

(a) Integrated project comprising development of Rampur-Agucha Zinc lead deposits in District Bhilwara and setting up of a smelter at Chanderiya (Distt. Chittorgarh).

Export of Alumina and Aluminium by National Aluminium Company

1333. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aluminium Company has been exporting Alumina and Aluminium;

(b) if so, since when and the amount of foreign exchange earned by NALCO since then;

(c) whether Government are giving major thrust to the export of Aluminium, Alumina and its products; and

(d) if so, the details of plan drawn up in this regard for the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exports by National Aluminuim Company (NALCO) started since 1987-88. The export earnings are given below: —

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value
1987-88	16
1988-89	235
1989-90 (upto June 89)	60
TOTAL:	311

(c) and (d) NALCO has an installed capacity of 800,000 tonnes per annum of alumina out of which 375,000 tonnes per annum is for export.

In so far as export of aluminium metal is concerned during 1989-90 (upto June, 1989) about 6000 tonnes of aluminium metal has been exported.

While projections for the Eighth Plan have not been firmed up, the country is expected to be surplus in aluminium metal during the next few years. The actual exports of aluminium will, however, depend upon various factors including indigenous demand and supply, international prices etc.

Supply of palmolien to Orissa

1334. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stopped the supply of palmolien to Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government also propose to reduce the allocation of some other items to that State under Public Distribution System from the Central Pool; and

(d) if so, the reasons of taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Shortage of di-ammonium phosphate

1335. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any shortage of di-ammonium phosphate during this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to import di-ammonium phosphate during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the quantum thereof; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) During April, 1989 to June 1989, 6.93 lakh metric tonnes of DAP has been imported. The quantum of further imports will depend upon the gap between demand and the indigenous availability of DAP.